

Changing Direction:

Integrating Higher Education Financial Aid And Financing Policy J.R. Willilams Building Basement Conference Room

An Idaho collaboration with Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, in partnership with American Council on Education, State Higher Education Executive Officers, and the National Conference of State Legislatures. Supported by a grant from the Lumina Foundation for Education.

Agenda

Thursday, January 6, 2005

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| 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Registration/Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Welcome
VP State Board of Education,
Laird Stone
Project Overview
Cheryl Blanco, Senior Program
Director, Western Interstate
Commission for Higher
Education |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. | Perfect Storm
David Longanecker, Executive
Director, Western Interstate
Commission for Higher
Education |
| 9:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. | Financing Higher Education for
Access and Success
Dennis Jones, President,
National Center for Education
Management Systems
Financing Higher Education –
Expanding Access – The
Impact of State Finance
Strategies |

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10:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Julie Davis Bell, Education Program
Director, National Conference of
State Legislatures

11:00 a.m. – Noon
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Room

Round Table Discussions¹

Legislators, facilitated by
Cheryl Blanco, Senior Program
Director, Western Interstate
Commission for Higher
Education, Western Interstate
Commission for Higher
Education. Resource persons:
Dennis Jones and Julie Davis
Bell.

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**Presidents and Board
members**, facilitated by David
Longanecker, Executive
Director, Western Interstate
Commission for Higher
Education. Resource person:
Paul Lingenfelter.

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**Other participants and
invited guests**, facilitated by
Dana Kelly, OSBE. Resource
Persons: Allison McClintick
and Scott Christie.

12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Lunch Catered in the J.R.W Basement Conference Room
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education, a discussion of the <i>DRAFT</i> report presented to the Commission in November 2004. ² Paul Lingenfelter, Executive Director, State Higher Education Executive Officers.
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Wrap Up Cheryl Blanco, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Next Steps ³ Laird Stone, VP State Board of Education

¹The Round Table discussions are designed to engage leaders in a discussion of major issues around alignment of financing and financial aid policy to improve access to and success in higher education for all students. Representatives from key constituencies will discuss their perspectives on the challenges that these issues raise.

The ongoing fiscal crisis has hit higher education particularly hard in many states. The ensuing budget cuts and rethinking of institutional budgets have prompted several questions: Where did the cuts occur: from financial aid, from direct aid to the institutions, or from a particular group of institutions? How were these cuts distributed across the institutions within the state? How then did the institutions distribute the impact of those cuts? How did these actions impact access for low-income students? Discussion will center on

how public policy is played out at the state and institutional levels and ramifications of the budget cuts on opportunities for students.

²Former Secretary of Education, Richard W. Riley and former Governor of Oklahoma, Frank Keating, co-chair the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education, a project launched by State Higher Education Executive Officers, and funded through the Ford Foundation. The Commission is reviewing ways that the states have improved performance in higher education and their experience in using accountability systems toward that end. The Commission met on May 10, 2004, in Washington DC to hear and consider testimony provided by associations and accreditation organizations, state higher education agencies, and a research advisory group. The SHEEO staff is supporting the work of the Commission as it develops its findings and recommendations.

³The purpose of this meeting is to lay the groundwork for additional opportunities to build consensus on a shared agenda toward change through public policy over the next few years. Next steps include opportunities for further discussion, study, analysis, and action!